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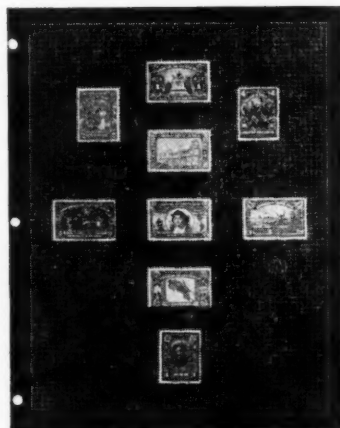
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## Philatelic History of Guatemala

By C. MAURICE KEATING

**G**UATEMALA, the second largest and the most populous of the Central American republics, was in 1871 the next to the last of these countries to issue postage stamps. The first issue was a set of four from one to twenty centavos, each bearing the country's coat of arms. There is a rare color error of the 20-cent, blue instead of rose. The following year a 4-reales and a 1-peso stamp were added, these bearing a different version of the na-



tional arms. The monetary unit then was the peso, which was subdivided into the real and centavo, the former at eight and latter at one hundred to the peso. In 1875 a new set of four was issued, from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 2-reales, each bearing the head of "Liberty" in a different frame, and in 1878 a third set, from  $\frac{1}{2}$ -real to 1-peso, all with the picture of an Indian woman.

About sixty per cent of the Guatemaltecos are pure Indian, while all but a small percentage of the rest are mestizos, or mixed Indian and European. Guatemala—anciently Quauhtematlan, "The Place of Trees,"—was the original home of the Mayas, the most progressive of all the tribes of American Indians. When the white man arrived, he found the Mayan calendar more advanced than his own, the Maya highways as fine as the old Roman roads.

Though human sacrifice was practiced occasionally, on the whole, the Mayas were a peaceful race. Probably for that reason their civilization had already been partly destroyed by the Nahuas of Mexico when the Spanish arrived. Much of it had been transplanted to the jungles of Yucatan. After Cortes conquered Mexico, his lieutenant, Pedro de Alvarado, marched south and conquered Guatemala in 1522.

We hear much of the mystery of the Maya—what became of him? The truth is that he is still there. The present tribes of Quiches, Cakchiquels and Zutugils are the direct descendants of the old Maya race. Only their ancient

civilization is gone. Once abandoned, their temples, cities and roads were uprooted and enveloped by the ceaseless growth of tropic vegetation. Defeated and crushed, the race of builders degenerated into a race of timid jungle people and agricultural slaves, but they rose again three centuries later to throw off the Spanish yoke.

In 1879 the quetzal first appeared on two bi-colored stamps of  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 1-real. Because it will not live in captivity, this beautiful and rare tropical bird became the symbol of liberty and was chosen by the Guatemalans as their national emblem. Its plumage is a bright green with scarlet breast, its tail so long that its nest or bower must have both entrance and exit, as the bird cannot turn around in it. Later the quetzal also became the name of Guatemala's unit of currency.

These last two stamps and the first two of the previous set were surcharged in lower values in 1881. This custom is common to all the Central American republics and has created such an end-



The series commemorating the Exposition of 1897 was a poor seller. The Exposition itself was not a success.

less and uninteresting variety of their stamps that these countries are not popular with many collectors. When new values are needed, it is cheaper to overprint the surplus of past issues than to issue new ones. The surcharge nearly always decreases the face value of the stamp; otherwise, it would be a temptation to counterfeiters to buy up the old stamps and overprint them with the higher values, an easy process.

The following year these surcharged stamps were replaced by new stamps of the quetzal types, then in 1886 a large peso stamp that had never been put in circulation was surcharged in five higher centavo-values. This stamp bore the portrait of General Justo Rufino Barrios.

All Guatemalan stamps so far had been perforated, but many imperforate varieties exist, as well as typographical errors in the overprints. An inverted center on the 5-cent red of the 1882

issue is Guatemala's rarest stamp, catalogued at \$150.

The Barrios stamp was probably not put to use as intended due to the death of the general the year before and the consequent change of administration. General Barrios helped to overthrow President Cerna in 1871, became commander-in-chief and in 1873, president. He, too, made himself dictator, like the man he had overthrown. Though his methods were ruthless, he proceeded to put through much progressive legislation.



Like all dictatorships, however, his regime ended in war.

Barrios' great ambition was to re-establish the Republic of Central America, which had split up into five separate republics in 1839. Despite continual conspiracies against him in his own country, in one of which in 1884 he barely escaped assassination, he attempted to make himself ruler of all the territory between Mexico and Panama. Having received promise of support from Honduras and Salvador, the general declared himself supreme military commander of all Central America in February, 1885. However, President Zaldivar of Salvador reneged and entered into a defensive alliance with Nicaragua and Costa Rica. In March, Barrios declared war and invaded Salvador. On April 2nd he was killed in battle at Chalchuapa and on the 16th a treaty of peace was signed.

Later in 1886 appeared a new regular set of eleven from one to 200-centavos. These bore a smaller picture of the quetzal sitting on a scroll bearing the words "Liberty" and the date of Guatemala's Independence Day, September 15, 1821. As not enough 1-cent stamps were printed, most of the 2-cent was surcharged "Provisional — 1886 — Un Centavo." This set was not long in use. The following year an engraved set of eight values was put out. These may be distinguished from the lithographed set by their sharper impression. There are two distinct shades of the 5-cent stamp. The purple is by far the rarer.

In 1892, Jose Maria Renya Barrios was elected president. He, too, tried to

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incorporate the five republics into one—peaceably—but two years of negotiations ended in failure in 1897, the year of his re-election. This Barrios' portrait was placed beside the quetzal on Guatemala's first commemorative set, issued in 1897. Like our Columbians, they commemorated an exposition, the Central American Exhibition which took place in Guatemala City.

There are fourteen stamps to this set, all on colored paper. In each corner is placed the coat of arms of one of the other Central American countries, while a steamship and a train flank the pictures of the president and the national bird. On February 8, 1898, President



Lake Amatitlan

Barrios was assassinated and the same year Manuel Estrada Cabrera, whose portrait appears on later Guatemalan stamps, was elected for the next six-year term.

After more surcharges, a new regular set appeared in 1900 and another in 1902. The latter was bi-colored and of new design and format, horizontal instead of vertical. It was printed in London by Waterlow and Sons. The one cent carries the quetzal and scroll and most of the others picture landmarks of the capital, Guatemala City—the statue of J. R. Barrios; "La Reforma" Palace, erected for the Exhibition of 1897; the Temple of Minerva; the Columbus Theatre; the Artillery Barracks; the Columbus Monument and the Native Indian School. The 20-cent shows the Cathedral, which rises on the east side of the city's main plaza and which was partly destroyed in the earthquake of 1917. On the north of the plaza, though not shown in the picture, the Chinese, who are quite numerous in Central America and Mexico, have erected several pagodas. About twenty-five miles from the capital, the railway to the Pacific coast passes Lake Amatitlan, a view of which is given on the 10-cent orange and blue. All along the edge of this lake are hot springs and steam fissures, for Guatemala is a land of volcanoes, one of which is seen in the background of the stamp.

Then in 1907 appeared a new value, 12½-cents. The picture on this stamp shows the twelve proceres signing Guatemala's Declaration of Independence. (The word "procer" is from the Latin, meaning chief, and was used by the Central American states to designate their chief citizens.)

In 1910 a 6-cent bi-colored stamp commemorated, a year later, the centenary of the birth of Miguel Garcia Granados, an early Guatemalan hero, born on September 29, 1809. In 1911 a 25-cent stamp showed the General Post Office and a 5-peso bore the portrait of Manuel Estrada Cabrera. Each exists with inverted center, but only the 25-

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Cabrera had been president and dictator since his election in 1898. A revolt against him in 1906, organized by General Barillas and aided by a party of Americans from San Francisco, brought on a war with Honduras and Salvador, which was stopped by the intervention of Theodore Roosevelt and President Diaz of Mexico and ended in the Marblehead Pact of July 19, 1906, and the Central American Peace Conference at Washington in 1907.

In 1917 another bi-colored stamp celebrated Cabrera's re-election for a fourth term, beginning March 15th of that year. In 1918 his portrait appeared on a 1½-peso stamp and in 1919 three new stamps were issued, showing a vocational school, radio station (the first stamp referring to radio ever issued) and the Joaquina Maternity Hospital erected during his administration. The hospital was founded by President Cabrera's mother and named for her.

Progressive elements organized against Cabrera in 1920. He attempted to use force to retain his position, but the army deserted him and he was forced out. He died in 1924. Carlos Herrera was chosen provisional president on September 15, 1920, to fill the rest of Cabrera's term of seven years, ending in 1923.

However, Herrera himself was overthrown in 1921 by General Jose Maria Orellana, whose portrait appears on the 5-cent stamp of the 1929 set. Orellana was elected president in March, 1922, put down a revolt against him in July of the same year and died in 1926, to be succeeded by Lazaro Chacon.



In 1921 were issued three high-value bi-colored stamps: a 1½-peso with a picture of a monolith at Quirigua, a 5-peso with the imposing Granados Monument and a 15-peso, a new value, showing the "Penitenciaría" Railroad Bridge.

Sixty miles up the Motagua Valley from the Atlantic port of Puerto Barrios, Quirigua is one of the early centers of the Maya civilization, and the monolith pictured is only the largest of several they erected in this district. A species of totem pole cut out of a solid block of stone, it stands thirty feet high in the center of a jungle clearing, tilted to one side by its tremendous weight. Though possibly two thousand years old, the carvings are still wonderfully clear, the figures greatly resembling those of oriental monuments. The great mystery, however, is how it was transported there. The block from which it was cut weighed at least twenty tons and came from the mountains to the north, many miles away across deep valleys.

After still more surcharges, new 12½ and 25-centavo pictorials arrived from Waterford and Sons late in 1922. The former shows the Centennial Building

which occupies one side of the central plaza in Guatemala City; the other is a picture of the National Palace at Antigua, the old capital of the country.

The chief city of Guatemala has undergone many vicissitudes due to the volcanic nature of the region. The first capital was erected by Alvarado, the conqueror, on the lower slopes of Mt. Agua in 1527. This is now known as Ciudad Vieja, the Old City, or Almalonga. In 1541, during a terrific thunderstorm and earthquake, the lake which



The great monolith at Quirigua was carved from a peculiar soft stone which hardens after being exposed to the air.

fills the crater of Agua burst through and poured down upon the town. However, it was rebuilt in 1556 a few miles to the northeast, where it flourished.

This second capital, "Guatemala la Antigua," usually called just Antigua, is the place whose Governor's Palace is pictured on the 25-cent stamp. It was once one of the most important cities of the New World, a town of paved streets and splendid buildings long before any of our North American cities were founded. Many of its sixty once-beautiful churches are still in use, including part of the cathedral.

Most of the latter, however, is a sham-ble, open to the sky and overgrown with cactus and palm. It stands on the south side of the plaza. On the west is the old Governor's Palace, an immense structure still in fairly good condition. Its facade of a hundred arches, topped by the royal arms of Spain, is most beautiful in late afternoon when the still-steaming volcanoes of Agua (Water) and farther away, Fuego (Fire), form an enchanting but sinister backdrop, for they were responsible for Antigua's destruction and eventual abandonment and are still active.

The town was almost totally destroyed by earthquake in 1717 during an eruption of Fuego, rebuilt and again destroyed in 1773. This time the governor decided to build a new capital instead and transferred the government thirty miles to the site of the present Guatemala City. Ironically, Antigua has suffered no more serious quakes, while "Guatemala la Nueva" was nearly leveled in 1917.

(continued next week)

• During the first two years when Great Britain had control of Cyprus, either Turkish or British stamps could be used on mail posted on the island.

• In 1916 during a shortage of revenue stamps large quantities of Barbados postage stamps of the old design of 1892 were overprinted for fiscal use.

• Spain's first postage stamps were sold through tobacco dealers, who received a 3% commission.

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"Are these stamps forgeries?" is asked by a reader who submits a number of foreign stamps of the 1c approval caliber. He says these things have aroused his suspicions: "the perforating is very bad," "they are printed very roughly," "colors are poor." Unfortunately none of the above can be termed characteristics of a forgery. Practically every degree of printing, good and bad and every method has been used to produce stamps. Some of the great rarities are among the poorest produced specimens. Readers should study their catalogues. In this instance the "perforation" of a Greek stamp is questioned. Actually it was a roulette.

"Where are the 1c Postal Cards with green Lincoln stamp issued?" These cards, slightly smaller than the card with Jefferson stamp have been a regular issue since 1917. Some postmasters do not requisition them, but all larger post offices have them, or can obtain them. They are not sold at the Agency.

Since Robert Sheriff's article on Canadian stamps we have received inquiries for the address of the Canadian philatelic agency. Orders for Canadian stamps, or inquiries for the list of stamps in stock should be addressed to: Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Post Office Dept., Ottawa, Canada.

Is there a Swedish specialist among readers of this column? Or someone with a set of Swedish semi-postals of 1916-18? Oscar A. Ring of Chicago asks why these stamps are listed as being perforated 13x13½, though the 1874



Dues, upon which the overprint is supposed to be placed, were perforated 14. Our lone specimen of this issue is #B23 and is perforated 13 all around, which indicates the catalogue may be in error, in part or entirely regarding this issue of Sweden.

"In the Aug. 17 number of LINN's in the Forum Robert L. Jones speaks of 'panes'—upper right position. Does he mean by a 'pane' a whole sheet of 50 stamps; or is a pane a part of a sheet?" The words "sheet" and "pane" are often misused in philately. Wrongly we often refer to a "pane" as a "sheet," while actually a pane is only one portion of a sheet of stamps. The result is that pane is now used only when referring to the relative plate position of a portion of the entire sheet, as was done in Mr. Jones' letter. Evidently our questioner missed the articles on plate layouts in the July 27 and August 17 LINN's in which these sheet positions were explained. Our current Presidential series small denominations are printed in SHEETS of 400, which are divided on the plate by markings into four PANES of 100 stamps. The stamps sold at postoffices in what are usually referred to as "sheets" are "panes" and may be from either of the four positions, upper left, upper right, lower left and lower right—readily identifiable by position of plate number and other markings.

One of our subscribers is we think needlessly worried. He asks, "If meters take the place of stamps, won't stamp collectors stop saving stamps and begin to save meters? . . . I do not want to pay premium prices for stamps that might be worthless in a few years." There is no evidence that meters will ever entirely replace stamps. Even the most optimistic manufacturers of meters (and some have painted a rather rosy future for the machines) have not anticipated that the meter will replace stamps. Did our reader miss the report

of the Postmaster General calling attention to the increase in use of postage stamps despite the increase in use of meters? The adhesive has certain advantages the machines have not been able to match. We believe the use of meters in place of precancels by large mailers is due more to absurd postage regulations than to the efficiency of the machines.

We occasionally are asked about the postage rates from various foreign countries and again want to call our readers' attention to the fact that their local post office can supply this information quickly and with the latest changes. We see no point, therefore, in using space in this column to give such information.

"When you refer to the '\$5 Prexy' do you mean the \$5 stamp of the Presidential Series? And if so, why is a Presidential called a 'Prexy'?" The Presidential stamps are called "prexies" for the same reason the female of the species is referred to as "a skirt" or an automa-

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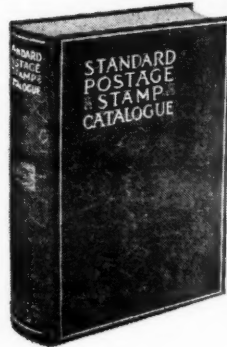
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**MAKE HASTE SLOWLY** We cannot urge too strongly that our readers exercise restraint in buying the issues of the European countries now under the "protection" of the dictators as well as the issues of the totalitarian states themselves. As our New York correspondent has pointed out, some of the stamps offered as scarce short issues at high prices are not actually scarce at all. There is every likelihood that some of these issues, probably most of them, will prove headaches to their purchasers. The experiences of the last post war period should be recalled. Stamps that during the hostilities brought high prices, could be purchased for fractions of those sums a few years later. We know that many non-collector Europeans are putting their wealth into stamps and someday this material will come on the market. The refugees have given American collectors a taste of what such holdings can do to prices. So it's best to make haste slowly and avoid paying high prices for stamps which may sell in calmer times for a great deal less.

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Note please that we don't urge a boycott of certain countries' issues, for the hates of a war-mad world have no place in our hobby. It is up to the individual collector to decide if the stamps of any country are propaganda or a means of providing funds for conquest. Certain countries by their acts have created so much ill will that philately could affect it little one way or the other.

**THE LAZY WIN** The rise of philately and consequent demand for position blocks has been a pain to the postal clerk whose laziness was disturbed by this extra business. Possibly they were to be pitied, for sometimes the broken sheets would take an extra five or ten minutes to count in inventorying stock! Inspectors also have a dislike of stamp stocks containing broken sheets. All of these employees are paid by the month so any extra time used in counting stamps is time paid for anyway, and the counting was done during their usual working hours. One might have expected such lazy ones to be told to do their work and quit grumbling, but such has not been the case.

Instead of reprimanding the lazy, the P. O. Dept. issued on July 8 a typical "solution." Now all employees, including the grumbling minority are forbidden to break sheets. Many clerks and postmasters in the spirit of service which characterizes the business relations of any successful establishment have been quite willing to break sheets when requests were within reason; but now they may not do so. So postal revenues are lost. The spirit of Rowland Hill seems to have been forgotten in the Centennial Year.

—R. R.

## Perts and Imperts

**CHARLES T. MEYER OF HIGHLAND, ILL.**, mailed us a cover for "Farley's last day as Postmaster General" appropriately postmarked at Washington on a stamp from a Farley Folies sheet and bearing the familiar green-ink autograph of the P. M. G. Thanks, Charlie.

**AFTER SERVING 42 YEARS** in various editorial capacities, Willard O. Wylie of Mekeels becomes America's only philatelic editor emeritus. Mr. Wylie has probably been connected longer with the editing side of philatelic periodicals than any other person and his service to philately will always be remembered.

**LUCIUS JACKSON, PUBLISHER OF the Stamp Wholesaler**, is resuming twice-a-month publication of the trade journal in October. He states that from advance wholesale offerings this early in the season that the 1940-1941 season has every indication of being a big one for philately.

## CATALOGUE NUMBERS

Unless it is otherwise stated in the advertisement all catalogue numbers quoted in advertisements in this issue are those of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

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THOUGH WE FREQUENTLY RECEIVE reports of stolen stocks and collections, our readers must wonder at the very infrequent reports of arrests in connection with these. It seems the owners just don't bother to report such happy endings, though if such were done it would have a decided undermining effect on the activity of the thieves.

A SATURDAY EVENING POST article on foreign agents in the U. S. mentions how copper reached Italy during the Ethiopian War sanctions. It seems someone thought of copper postcards and over a million of these were sent from the U. S. to Italian addresses. The Italian war machine netted, it is said, some 200 tons of copper by this scheme. If the Ethiopian Empire returns, we'll bet postcards won't be popular with its postal service.

LIONEL A. LAPOINTE, 8595 ST. Denis St., Montreal-Villier, Canada, understands an A. P. S. Convention was once held in Toronto, Canada, and wants to know if any philatelic labels or other souvenirs were issued in connection. Readers who can help him are invited to write Mr. Lapointe who is anxious to obtain this information.

ONE PAPER SAID THE BUYER OF the famous 1c British Guiana was making a collection of "perfect" stamps. He must never have seen the stamp, for it's just about the worst looking stamp you or I have seen or ever will see.

IN HIS FINAL STATEMENT TO the postal service Postmaster General Farley on August 30 enumerated a few of "the many improvements" during his term of office which he thought "worthy of mention." Among these was "the issuance of new and more attractive postage stamps, which has increased the sales of stamps to collectors from \$300,000 per year to \$4,000,000, which figure represents a source of what might be termed clear profit to the Government, as most of these stamps purchased by collectors are never used for postal purposes." "Improvement"???

## Asks Return of 2c Postage

Representative William B. Barry, Democrat of New York, has introduced a bill calling for a return of the 2c rate of postage on first-class mail. Mr. Barry also introduced a bill authorizing printing of paper currency in denominations under a dollar. The latter has been sponsored by various mail order groups for many years. Clipping from *Indianapolis Times*, courtesy Charles H. Huffman.

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## Stamp Club Activities

Dallas, Texas—Exhibition sponsored by the Dallas Stamp Collectors Club at the State Fair, October 5 to 20. Fee 25c per frame which includes \$100 insurance. Details of entries from the Secretary, P. O. Box 2795, Dallas.

Dallas, Texas—Regional Meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association in the Directors Room, Administration Bldg., State Fair, Oct. 12. An all day bourse, no fees of any sort for swappers and visitors.

Hamilton, Ohio—The Fort Hamilton Philatelic Society will hold an exhibition in connection with National Philatelic Week on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9-10. Each member may enter two frames. This club meets at the Y. M. C. A.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Central Pennsylvania's 14th Annual Stamp Exhibition sponsored by the Capital City Philatelic Society will be held Nov. 13-17 at the State Museum. Entry blanks may be obtained of the Chairman, Elmer R. Long, 203 Market St. The usual classifications are planned. The five judges will independently judge the exhibits and then pool their results.

Selinsgrove, Pa.—Seventh Annual Exhibition of the Selinsgrove Philatelic Society, Friday, October 11, place not stated. A banquet will be held in connection and entertainment will be patterned along the "Information Please" type of program. Susquehanna Valley collectors are invited to participate.

West Lafayette, Ind.—The poster stamp to be issued in connection with the Lafayette Philatelic Society exhibition and bourse mentioned in this column is being sold at 5c each or 8 for 25c postpaid, Jesse C. Stockton, Pres., Lafayette, Ind., advises.

## Auction Calendar

October 5—244th Public Sale, M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Oct. 7—General Sale. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

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# POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

A Record of New Issues  
By Ray Shepard  
1529 Duxberry Ave., Columbus, Ohio

Note: As this week's column is being read by most of our readers, we will be starting on our annual trek. This year to Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and points nearby. Any correspondence, therefore, received after September 14th, will not be answered until after our return, or sometime after October 1st.



—Illustration courtesy Chas. J. Baxter, Columbus Citizen

**CHILE—New Value.** Addition to the Industries and Views series of which we have chronicled other values from time to time. Small upright rectangular format, perf. 13 x 14, wmkd., small star in shield mult. Numerals of value in each lower corner. Central design depicts what looks like a tree and is called the "Boido," which is a medical herb:

15c. brown-orange (Boido)

(H. G. Spanton)

**PITCAIRN ISLAND**—Another new philatelic country. A set of eight stamps is to be issued for this Colony. No information is given now as to colors. Designs and values are: 1d.—cluster of oranges; 1d.—view of Pitcairn from the sea; 1½d.—John Adams and his home; 2d.—H. M. Armed Vessel Bounty; 3d.—map of Pacific Islands; 6d.—another view of the "Bounty"; 1s.—another view of Pitcairn Island from the sea; 2s6d.—view taken on Pitcairn. The currency is sterling and not New Zealand, as was announced some time ago. (Whitfield, King & Co.)

**PORTUGAL—Souvenir Sheet.** Semi-postals. Typographed, unwmkd., perf. 11½. Sheet measures 157x171mm., containing the 8 Portuguese Legion stamps chronicled by us July 13th. Sheets sold for 5.50c, the proceeds going to various charities. 10,000 sheets issued. Stamps are arranged in the sheet in two rows of four stamps each.

Quantities issued of the sheet stamps of the Portuguese Legion, noted by us July 13th, were: 5c.—3,200,000; 10c.—2,000,000; 15c.—6,000,000; 25c.—2,000,000; 40c.—20,000,000;

15c. blue-green (Statue of King John IV)  
25c. olive (Portuguese Caravel)  
35c. green (same as 15c.)  
40c. olive-bistre (King Alfonso Henriques)  
80c. lilac (same as 10c.)  
1E. red (same as 25c.)  
1.75E. ultramarine (same as 40c.)

(California Collectors Club)

**PORTUGAL—Postage Centenary Issue.** A set of stamps of the values noted below, depicting Sir Rowland Hill, will be issued by Portugal. The announced values, colors and quantities are:

15c. brown—6,000,000  
25c. brick-red—2,000,000  
35c. green—800,000  
40c. dark violet—20,000,000  
50c. blue-green—800,000  
80c. Primary blue—800,000  
1E. red—800,000  
1.75E. dark blue—1,400,000

**Souvenir Sheet.** It is also announced the 50,000 souvenir sheets of this set—face 5.20E.—will be sold by the Post Office at 10E. per sheet. No information is given as to what the surplus over face is to be used for. (California Collectors Club)

**PARAGUAY—Centenary of the Postage Stamp Commemoratives.** Issued August 15th. Upright rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 13½. Central design is as noted after each value, the three values being reproductions of various early stamps of Paraguay. Scott's Nos. for these stamps are given. Printed by Waterlow & Sons, London. Numerals of value in each lower corner. 500,000 each of the 1P. and 5P., and 150,000 each of the 6P. and 10P. were issued:

1P. light blue & violet (Scott's A1)  
5P. olive-green & sepia (Rowland Hill)  
6P. brown & ultramarine (Scott's A2)  
10P. light red & black (Scott's A3)

**Air Post Stamp.** Color change. Type of 1935-38, typographed, unwmkd., perf. 11½:

AP23—102P. indigo

(H. G. Spanton)

**REUNION—Souvenir Sheet.** Same date as this as given for Camerouns, in our notes of July 20th. Type of Madagascar 1937, inscribed "REUNION." Engraved, unwmkd., imperf.:

A14a—3fr. ultramarine

**Types of 1933-39.** Unwmkd., perf. 12x12½, 12½x12:

A22—3c. rose-violet  
A23—40c. brown-black  
A23—45c. green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**ROUMANIA—Type of 1935.** Photogravure, wmkd. crowns and monograms, perf. 13½:

A142—3L. greenish-blue

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Set of	Mint	Used
1- 8 Pictorial ½ an to 8 an	(8)	\$ .35
1- 12 Pictorial ½ an to 1R	(12)	11.75
13 Pictorial 2R	(1)	1.10
14 King Feisal 1R	(1)	.50
15- 21 King Feisal ½ an to 6 an	(7)	.35
15- 25 King Feisal ½ an to 5R	(11)	5.25
15- 26 King Feisal ½ an to 10R	(12)	11.25
28- 40 King Feisal Surcharged	(13)	2.65
28- 42 King Feisal Surcharged	(15)	14.00
44- 55 King Feisal 2 Fils to 50 Fils	(12)	.45
44- 56 King Feisal 2 Fils to 75 Fils	(13)	2.00
44- 58 King Feisal 2 Fils to 200 Fils	(15)	2.00
44- 59 King Feisal 2 Fils to ½ Dinar	(16)	5.50
61- 64 King Ghazi 2 Fils to 5 Fils	(4)	.10
61- 65 King Ghazi 1 Fils to 8 Fils	(5)	.18
60a- 70 King Ghazi 1 Fils to 30 Fils	(11)	.20
60a- 71 King Ghazi 1 Fils to 40 Fils	(12)	.25
60a- 72 King Ghazi 1 Fils to 50 Fils	(13)	.35
60a- 74 King Ghazi 1 Fils to 100 Fils	(15)	2.60
60a- 75 King Ghazi 1 Fils to 200 Fils	(16)	1.35

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60a- 76 King Ghazi 1 Fils to ½ Dinar	(17)	....	4.00
60a- 77 King Ghazi 1 Fils to 1 Dinar	(18)	13.00	....
01-05 Official ½ an to 3 an	(5)	....	.20
01-010 Official ½ an to 2R	(10)	2.85	....
01-011 Official ½ an to 5R	(11)	6.25	....
01-012 Official ½ an to 10R	(12)	13.25	....
013-020 Official ½ an to 8 an	(8)	....	.20
013-021 Official ½ an to 1R	(9)	1.70	....
013-023 Official ½ an to 10R	(11)	10.60	....
026-036 Official ½ an to 5R	(11)	12.25	....
026-037 Official ½ an to 10R	(12)	20.00	....
039-053 Official 3 Fils to ½ Dinar	(15)	10.50	....
055-063 Official 2 Fils to 25 Fils	(9)	....	.16
055-067 Official 2 Fils to 75 Fils	(13)	....	.45
055-068 Official 2 Fils to 100 Fils	(14)	2.60	....
055-069 Official 2 Fils to 200 Fils	(15)	3.95	1.50
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A141—9L. ultramarine  
A139—15L. deep brown  
A143—24L. deep red

(R. Roberts)

**ROMANIA—Balkan Entente Issue.** Upright rectangular format, perf. 13½, photograph, wmkd., crowns and monograms. Numerals of value in each upper corner:

12L. ultramarine  
16L. slate-blue

(Columbus Postage Stamp Co.)

**Semi-Postals.** Miniature Sheets. It appears that the three souvenir sheets mentioned by us July 15, 1939, and containing the 25b., 50b., 1.50L., 2L., 3L., 4L., 5L., 7L., 8L., 10L. and 12L., values of the King Carol I Commemorative Issue, were issued at that time, perf. 14, 13½. Not imperforate as we announced then. However, within the past couple of months these same sheets were issued IMPERFORATE. The surtax from these latest sheets goes to the Armament Fund.

(R. Roberts)

**Semi-Postals.** Showing a full-length photo of King Carol II, in uniform:

1L. plus 50b. green  
2.50L. plus 50b. dark green  
3L. plus 1L. dark red  
3.50L. plus 50b. brown  
4L. plus 1L. reddish-brown  
6L. plus 1L. blue  
9L. plus 1L. dark blue  
14L. plus 1L. deep green

(L. A. Russell)

**Semi-Postals.** Honoring the 10th Anniversary of the date King Carol returned to take over his throne:

1L. plus 50b. light violet (Profile of King)  
4L. plus 1L. brown (Profile of King)  
6L. plus 1L. ultramarine (King wearing helmet)

(Whitfield, King &amp; Co.)

**ROMANIA—Commemoratives.** Honoring the 10th Anniversary of the date King Carol returned to take over his throne:

8L. lake (King, full face portrait)  
16L. ultramarine (King wearing helmet)  
32L. brown (King in flying uniform)

**Semi-Postals.** Issued in honor of June 8, 1940, the surtax going to the Boy Scouts:

1L. plus 1L. purple (The River Danube)  
2L. plus 1L. brown (ruins)  
3L. plus 1L. light green (Castle)  
4L. plus 1L. dark green (courtyard)  
5L. plus 1L. (church)  
8L. plus 1L. (tower)  
12L. plus 2L. (church)  
16L. plus 2L. gray (Arch)

(R. Roberts)

**RUSSIA—Types of 1939.** Photographure. Unwmkd., imperf.:

A317—30k. indigo & red  
A318—50k. blue & bistre-brown

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**Commemoratives.** Horizontal rectangular format, photographure, unwmkd., perf. 12. Various scenes of welcome by the people of Western Ukraine to Russian troops:

10K. deep red  
30K. green  
50K. gray  
60K. indigo  
1R. red

(L. A. Russell)

**RUSSIA—Commemoratives.** Horizontal rectangular format, highest value is of larger size than other three. Photographure, unwmkd., perf. 12:

15k. yellow-green (Ice-breaker Josef Stalin)  
30k. purple (Ice-breaker George Sedov)  
50k. copper brown (Badigin and Papanin)  
1R. deep ultramarine (Map)

(R. Roberts)

**Commemoratives.** In memory of Vladimir Mayakovsky 1893-30:

15k. carmine (Portrait of Mayakovsky as a young man)  
30k. brown (same)  
60k. indigo (Mayakovsky later in life)  
80k. ultramarine (same)

(L. A. Russell)

**ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON.** Souvenir Sheet. Same data on this as given for Camerons in our notes of July 20th. Type of French Oceania 1937, inscribed "St. Pierre et Miquelon."

on." Engraved, unwmkd., imperf.:

A15—3fr. dark ultramarine

Type of 1938-39. Photographure, perf. 13½x13:

A24—40c. slate-blue  
A24—45c. deep green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**ST. HELENA—New Colors and Values.** Engraved, script C.A. wmkd., perf. 12½. Same design as those chronicled by us two years ago:

A24—1d. orange-yellow (new color)  
A24—3d. gray (new color)  
A24—4d. ultramarine (additional value)  
A24—8d. olive green (additional value)

(R. Roberts)

**SENEGAL—Souvenir Sheet.** Same data on this as given for Camerons in our notes of July 20th. Type of French Guinea 1937, inscribed "Senegal." Engraved, unwmkd., imperf.:

A6a—3fr. rose-violet

Type of 1935. Unwmkd., perf. 12½x12:

A29—3c. violet

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

## KenMore Katalog Additions

The September *KenMore* Collector of the KenMore Stamp Co., Inc., includes a four page insert containing all the corrections, price changes and additions necessary to bring the KenMore Katalog of the British Empire up to date. A specimen can no doubt be obtained upon request.

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## New Books Received

*A History of the Postmarking of Mail in Great Britain, 1661-1939*, by Horace N. Soper, published apparently by Universal Postal Frankers, Ltd., London, England, 16 pages 8x10, paper bound, illustrated in colors, price five shillings. Mr. Soper is a director of the Universal Postal Frankers, Ltd., which is affiliated with the Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co. An engineer and designer of post office machinery, Mr. Soper was well qualified as author due to his being an ardent student of early postal history and postal markings. The illustrations are of high quality, most being in color and postmarks are traced from the earliest times. An example of the first machine cancel (1857) and its various improved successors down to the present, are an interesting series of illustrations. An insert from the company's catalogue illustrates current machines. We are indebted to Walter H. Wheeler, Jr., President of Pitney-Bowes for seeing a copy of this unusual publication. It might be mentioned that these companies produce the Universal Canceling Machine which is used in the U. S. and many foreign countries.

*Sources of Supply for Stamp Dealers*, 12th Edition, published by Gossip Printery, Holton, Kansas, 120 pages  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ , paper cover, price \$1 of publishers. This contains a list of wholesale suppliers of stamps and accessories of the world, and is cross-indexed by countries and types of issues. Also contains a list of philatelic agencies which will supply dealers. A useful book for the dealer wishing to make direct contacts throughout the world.

As we surmised in our last review, the "Haydon Euroresident Precancel Catalog" is to be a monthly affair. The July number (Ninth Edition) is at hand and same remarks apply to it as previous review, except that it adds new ones that have come out in the past month.

*Precancel Dictionary*, Third Edition, by Wilfried Myers, published by Philatelic Publishers, 276 Poland Ave., Struthers, O., 16 pages  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6$  inches, price 10c of publisher. This edition has four more pages than the previous one and the author has used the suggestions and criticisms of previous editions to good advantage. A handy pocket pamphlet for the beginner in precancels.

*Red Cross Slogans Check List* by Dr. H. H. Kretzler and Arthur W. Lee, published by the International Postal Slogan Society, 8 mimeographed pages,  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  inches, price 20c postpaid of Mr. Lee, 1259 Jackson Ave., Lakewood, O. The different types of the Red Cross slogan cancellations are illustrated and the known cities using them listed, together with machine numbers known to exist. The authors are seeking reports of additional varieties for the already extensive list of these slogan cancels.

## The Forum

Burlington, Vt.,  
August 8, 1940.

Linn's Weekly Stamp News,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Sirs:

How many readers remember seeing an ordinary street letter box fastened on the dash of an electric car, just above the fender? I have definite recollections of seeing them on only one line, the Troy-Schenectady (N.Y.) cars of the Schenectady Ry. They may have been used on some other division.

Once on a wheel trip along the turnpike between the two cities I distinctly remember wondering what would happen if someone signalled a car to mail a letter, especially between designated stops. The service was most likely not continued for many years. A guess that it was at least 30 years is the nearest it can be dated.

Wm. H. Wanzer.

P. S. Whether the paper is stitched or not is immaterial, as I read it with a pair of shears.

- The 6d Tasmania 1858 with Star Watermark is known to exist from an unissued sheet which was found badly damaged in the back of a drawer many years after stamps of that design had ceased to be issued.

- Madrid, Spain, is using a four-line slogan cancellation repeating Franco's name three times and on the fourth line the war slogan "Up Spain!"

- Ecuador's 1896 commemorative series was officially described by the government in a circular as "to commemorate the first anniversary of the victory obtained by the people over a government that permitted a foreign country to use the national flag in the sale of the cruiser "Esmeralda."

## Cachets and Labels

There is a widespread belief that the stamp press will print free in its news columns details of any cachet or poster stamp, regardless of whether there is a charge being made for cachet or label. LINN'S will mention briefly in its news columns cachets that are free, but any for which a charge is made are considered advertising and the rates quoted on the editorial page apply. We will mention free any cachets for which a forwarding charge of not more than 1c is made, providing the covers are actually forwarded a distance.

We will mention free in our news columns all philatelic labels, whether the label is sold or given away by a stamp club. We do not consider as philatelic labels the poster stamps produced by individuals or non-philatelic organizations and will not give free publicity to such whether they are sold or not.

- For over six months in 1934-35 Barbados used the 1d postage due stamp selected to collect  $\frac{1}{2}$ d postage due on certain articles mailed locally. Despite the long period of use, only small quantities were used.

- A British citizen who participated in numerous naval engagements in the course of the South American war of independence, John Illingworth, is depicted on the 60c of the 1920 centenary of independence series of Ecuador.

## LINPRINT CATALOG of PHILATELIC LABELS

For some years past the number of stamp collectors who have become interested in the collection of the Philatelic Stamps, Labels, Seals or whatever you may have called them, has been increasing by leaps and bounds and it has been found desirable that an attempt be made to produce a catalogue or list of the known varieties.

Such a catalog has been in preparation for some time now and the completed work will be ready for delivery early in September. The Catalog will list several hundred different Labels grouped in four major groupings and described in a manner that should make it possible for anyone to identify such labels. Many of the items will be priced and future editions of the catalog will strive toward pricing all known labels issued in the United States.

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## BROADWAY Chatter

New York dealers are commenting favorably upon the new set of headings for featured columns in Linn's. These headings make the magazine much more attractive.

The 42nd street district is gradually becoming the center of the stamp business in this city. Many of the Nassau St. dealers have moved uptown, and many others are contemplating the change.

Wholesalers are now reporting an increased demand for Roumanian stamps. It follows suit that whenever a country's independence is threatened the stamps from this country suddenly become in demand and a "run" ensues.

A large lot (\$1,600) of mint postage has been offered to various stamp brokers but to date no one has touched the lot because a clear title could not be shown.

The department stores in New York city which feature stamps as well as several dealers have suffered large losses in recent months. As a result extra precautions are being taken by every dealer in the New York area against sneak thievery, and also, the purchasing of lots to which title is debatable. If at any time this column can be of service to help track stolen merchandise please feel free to write me, c/o Linn's.

This past week Air Mail collecting was featured at the International Stamp Exhibition in the British Pavilion at the Fair. Featured in the display was a block of four of the United States, 1918 24c air mail with inverted center. This famous piece is insured for \$35,000 by its owner, Mrs. Ethel B. Stewart of this city.

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## Ohio Adopts New Small Size Cigarette Stamps



Illustrated through courtesy of Chas. J. Baxter, Stamp Editor of the *Columbus Citizen*, is a block of the new smaller size decalcomania 2c Ohio Cigarette Tax stamp which came into general use in June, replacing a larger stamp of

approximately the same design. The new stamp is pink in color and a product of the Columbian Bank Note Company of Chicago. Some taxpayers are paying the cigarette tax with meter machines which were introduced some months ago.

## First Day Calendar

### ARTISTS

3c Saint-Gaudens, New York, N. Y. Sept. 16  
5c French, Stockbridge, Mass. Sept. 16  
10c Remington, Canton, N. Y. Sept. 30

### INVENTORS

1c Whitney, Savannah, Ga. Oct. 7  
2c Morse, New York, N. Y. Oct. 7  
3c McCormick, Lexington, Va. Oct. 14  
5c Howe, Spencer, Mass. Oct. 14  
10c Bell, Boston, Mass. Oct. 28

• Those of our readers having surplus stamps they would like to donate to shut-in collectors, should contact Robert Hewlett, Secretary, The Shut-In Collectors Club, 209 E. 21st St., New York City. Shut-ins should also write Mr. Hewlett.

• The grim design of an exhausted soldier leaning on his rifle as shown on the 15 paras of the first Jugoslavian semipostal stamp is a copy of a statue commemorating the disastrous winter retreat of the Serbian army through Albania in 1915. The monument's inscription can be seen at extreme bottom portion of the vignette.

• The meter used at the S. P. A. Convention has been noted in blue, PB type, and with a miniature imitation cancellation for slogan. The slogan has the seal of the S. P. A. and between bars at right the dates and location of convention.

• Steven L. Milis, an employee of the bridge division of the Illinois Highway Dept., won first prize in two of the four classifications at the philatelic section at the Illinois State Fair. The winning entries were first issues, air mail covers, and others he has collected during the past 50 years.

## Post Mark Scrap Book

The *Christian Science Monitor* will soon commence to publish weekly on their children's page "Post Mark Scrap Book," which contains illustrations and stories of unusual names of post offices, intended to amuse children, but also of possible interest to postmark collectors. John R. Cook of Pipestone, Minn., is originator of this new feature.

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**DEALERS!** Send letterhead for sample copy. The "Stamp Wholesaler" Burlington, Vermont. (25)

• The Ohio Bell, magazine for telephone company employees, in its August number contains a brief article on stamps depicting telephone scenes, and the coming Bell telephone.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart  
Baltimore, Ohio

## STRIKE TWO

(A recent notice in the Postal Bulletin)

METERED MATTER NOT TO BE  
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MANNER

Metered mail is occasionally presented for mailing and in some cases accepted and dispatched, notwithstanding no amount of postage is shown in the metered impression thereon, only ciphers or "zero" (\$0.00) appearing in the indicia.

It is of the utmost importance that meter users and postal employees handling metered mail examine such matter sufficiently to ascertain that the correct amount of postage is paid thereon and shown in the meter impression.

Postmasters are, therefore, directed to see that the acceptance of metered mail is adequately supervised so that the revenues will be fully safeguarded.

When matter bearing metered indicia showing no amount of postage paid is presented for mailing it should, of course, be withheld from dispatch and the required postage collected; if observed at the office of address, the matter should be rated up at double the prepaid rate, and such amount collected on delivery, according to section 504, P. L. and R. The facts in each instance should be reported to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Classification.

## NARROW FIGURES

Walt McIntosh of Melrose, Mass., who at current writing is deeply interested in the Narrow Spaced Electros, has compiled some statistics that no doubt will be of interest to some collectors. Before I go further, when Mr. McIntosh uses the term Electro he includes the metal handstamps which are in reality electros. On Aug. 30th he had reports on (an "even" as he puts it) 550 different types of which 216 are U-120s, 280 U-121s, 33 U-122s, 14 U-12s, 6 U-17s and 1 U-18. The U-122 Narrows have just appeared recently Mr. McIntosh notes, few being seen the first year of the Narrows.

New York leads all states with a total of 39, Pennsylvania and Ohio next with 34 each, (we think Mr. McBain of Dayton has enough new types to make Ohio close to 40), and California 33. New York has the most U-120 with 17; California the most U-121 with 19. California and Ohio 4 each U-122, Michigan and New York 2 each U-12, Illinois 2 U-17 and Massachusetts the U-18. Every state in the Union has at least one narrow type save Nevada. Here is your chance to report a narrow from Nevada and get your name in headlines. Puerto Rico and Virgin Is. have narrows but none as yet from Hawaii or Alaska.

## NOTES.

For what it is worth. It seems there is evidence as Al Jones commenting in the Sept. *Forum* points out that no longer does the Bureau of Printing and Engraving demand 250,000 or 500,000 stamps be ordered as formerly, but exceptionally small amounts will be filled. Only the city ordering must wait till orders pile up to warrant a day's run in the denomination they have on order. If this be true then collectors will do well to get the higher values as soon as they come out especially if they come from some town in an unusual denomination. —We also see reports on the Houston Convention. Fifty-three members registered (last year at Baltimore it was 126 I think). I wish I could think of some snappy French saying and give a big shrug of my shoulders all over the page. —Did you ever see a precancel from Viroua, Wis.? I have one on a 1c 27 in U-120 type.

## Poet's Corner

## Longing

By FORREST R. HOSIER

To be a stamp collector, I once  
Did long so much.  
But since I have become one,  
'seems I always get in Dutch.

I either drop some hinges,  
Or spill benzine on the rug,  
Or dry my stamps on guest towels,  
Since I got the stamping bug.

No one ever sees it my way,  
That it all is quite aright;  
But no! It's wrong and shameful,  
When I stay up half the night.

Though the family rants and hollers,  
And the rest say "what the heck,"  
I guess it's just my own dern fault,  
If stamps I must collect.

• A Closing Day cachet for the Golden Gate International Exposition will be sponsored by the California Collectors Club. Stamped, addressed covers, accompanied by a 1c forwarding fee should be sent to the club's cachet director, Hal H. Chrisman, 1017 103rd St., Oakland, Calif. Covers will receive Exposition station cancel.

• The post office of West Bolton, Vt., will close on Sept. 30. A navy post office on the U. S. S. Madison was ordered established Sept. 5.

• The Canadian postal service recently publicly thanked a postmaster and postmistress who had jointly sponsored a dance, the entire proceeds of which were given to the war funds. The official statement said "this is a fine example of active patriotism . . ."

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## Moroccan Stamp Booklet

The French Offices in Morocco are issuing the current stamps in booklets have glassine pockets for the stamps and opposite a description of the stamps and scenes depicted. *Scott's Monthly Journal* illustrates one of these pages. The booklet contains ten pages, with stiff cover, and measures 5 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches. The one described contained stamps to face value of 32.60 francs and was purchased of the Casablanca post office.

• Personal communications can be sent from England and other units of the British Empire to places in Europe occupied by Germany. Such letters are sent in care of the travel agency firm of Thomas Cook and Son. Senders are warned to take care in what they write in such letters. The means the agency uses to send such letters onward is not explained.

• On exhibit during the recent A.A.M.S. Convention at Toronto was the original painting of "Daedalus" by the artist A. E. Foringer. The painting, copied for the first Canadian air mail stamp, is now the property of that postal service.

• The New Mexico State Tourist Bureau, Santa Fe, N. M., has prepared a free historical map in colors, showing the routes of Coronado and his successors in that state. On the back of the map is the story of the conquest.

• R. A. Weiss, 51-A Sherman Place, Jersey City, N. J., will mail covers at 25 commissionings of new or recommissioned vessels of the U. S. Navy. Send covers ready to go under cover to him with 1c forwarding for each.

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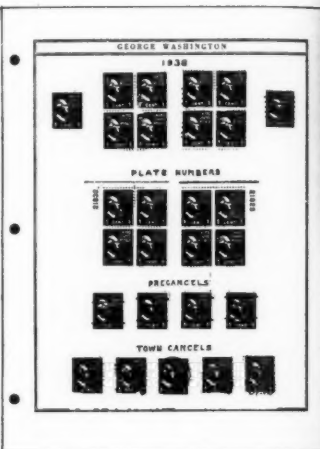
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